



Better Health & Dignity for All

Annual Report 2018

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and Dignity for All.

Striving to enrich the physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being of people whoever they are, wherever they are and whatever their circumstances and helping them to maintain their dignity as human beings.

Message from the Chair

Our Foundation was established in 1974. We raced through the final quarter of Showa Era (1926-1989) and the entirety of Heisei Era (1989-2019), and we have just celebrated our 45th anniversary.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the support you have thus provided us. To the relevant organizations and bodies, and for your cordial friendship, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Foundation was created for the purpose of eliminating Hansen's disease by the venerable Mr. Ryoichi Sasakawa, the founder of The Nippon Foundation, and Dr. Morizo Ishidate, also known as *the father of leprosy chemotherapy in Japan*. The first 10 years were spent almost entirely for Hansen's disease, but in the latter part of the 1980s, Japan-China Sasakawa Medical Fellowship was established. This scholarship for Chinese medical health professionals continues to this day. In 1984, our 10th year, the Sasakawa Health Prize was established at the World Health Organization, to award people and establishments for their services in promoting primary health care. Also around this time, the Foundation, under the leadership of Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara, began to focus on care of the elderly.

During the 1990s, many more projects evolved. One was the Chernobyl Sasakawa Health and Medical Cooperation Project for the victims of the Chernobyl nuclear accident, five years after the disaster. Also, we held conferences to promote multidrug therapy, which was being supported by The Nippon Foundation, as an effective measure against Hansen's disease, and afterwards took part in actual distribution of the drugs. Multifaceted activities that would later become one of the pillars of our Foundation, namely the training programs for hospice/palliative care, and study abroad programs for Japanese medical students, also commenced.

It was in the early 2000s that sociological support for Hansen's disease patients and their families began; at present, restoring the dignity of the patients and families, and improving their social status occupy the largest part of our Hansen's disease program. Also, as patient numbers decline, we have the opportunity to focus on the so-far neglected restoration and maintenance of historical materials and buildings that remain in Hansen's disease sanatoriums around the world.

Our founder Mr. Ryoichi Sasakawa said in the 1970s, 'The world is one family. All mankind are brothers and sisters.' This idea seems to be in unison with today's principles that prevail globally: 'Health equity/Leave no one behind.' Hansen's disease is the oldest disease recorded in history. Without treatment, the illness causes irreparable damage, disfiguring patients and inciting stigma and discrimination. The Foundation has been active in the areas of health and medicine, and we also support the livelihood and independence of patients and their families, aiming to restore their dignity. With deep emotions we recall that our Foundation was established based on Mr. Sasakawa's belief that all human beings on Earth are as one big family. Meanwhile, even if a person is able to live a long healthy life, no one can avoid death. As one becomes ill, and during the final days as life ebbs away, special help is required. From the need to support people facing death emerged new specialized medical fields, hospice and palliative care. The education of doctors and nurses in these areas is of critical importance.

On the other hand, it is not possible for doctors and nurses, who attend to disease and patients, or public health specialists that work at medical facilities, to maintain or improve the health of the community as a whole. That is because for such matters, expertise in diverse fields—such as population, environment, telecommunications, transportation, farming and flood control—are all required.

Above all, to achieve this goal, each individual must become aware of how to protect one's own health.

The ideal health structure is achieved, when primary health care allows each person to think and act on his/her own about one's health. By providing education and training opportunities to health professionals in various fields, our Foundation aims to realize a suitable public health structure.

The aggregate number of nurses the Foundation has supported in one way or another is roughly 4,000. The number of doctors we have been able to sponsor for research/studies comes to around 200. The newest addition, the Study Tour in the Philippines by Japan Hansen's Disease Sanatorium Medical Practitioners that got underway in 2014, had 90 participants, while the Radiation Medical Disaster Summer Seminar gathered 94. And we are proud to inform you that 67 nurses have completed the Program for Home-care Nursing Centers and, from those, over 50 began to operate The Nippon Foundation Home-care Nursing Centers as entrepreneurs.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is spreading at an unpredictable pace, and Japan is rapidly entering a period of population decline that mankind has yet to experience, resulting in a hyper-aging society with high mortality and low birthrate. Under such circumstances, can our nation fully utilize AI and survive? In this age, there are diverse issues that conventional methods cannot solve. Our Foundation will tackle them from the perspective of Health, and endeavor to preserve health and dignity, not just on the personal level, but for families, regions, countries and on a global level. We would sincerely appreciate your continued support and guidance.

Etsuko Kita, MD, PhD,
Chair
Sasakawa Health Foundation



The Hansen's Disease Program

Toward a World Free from Stigma and Discrimination

Hansen's disease is a chronic infectious disease caused by *Mycobacterium leprae* that had been around since ancient times. When infected, a person may experience numbness of the hands and feet as the disease affects peripheral nerves, or leaves various abnormalities on the skin. Without early and appropriate treatment, the disease may cause aftereffects such as loss of sensation or deformities. Today, treatment is available and Hansen's disease is no longer incurable. However, the stigma and discrimination associated with the disease are deeply rooted in societies, blocking the proliferation of proper knowledge and understanding. If a person is not diagnosed and treated at an early stage, it can create a negative chain. For example, one may become disabled, lose one's job, become alienated and attract further prejudice. Therefore, to fundamentally resolve the issue of Hansen's disease, measures must be taken not only to address its medical aspect but its social aspect too.

In order to further advance the elimination of Hansen's disease, in 2018, we appealed to the governments of countries where the disease still prevails. Also, we aimed toward the comprehensive socio-economic empowerment of people affected by the disease and their families. This included strengthening various organizations supporting people affected, together with information and awareness campaigns-for the restoration of human rights and dignity. As the number of patients decreases, documents and historical records pertaining to the disease and those who experienced it are on the verge of being lost. We are trying to preserve and maintain those materials, so that future generations may learn from the history of the people who survived the disease.

Principal activities

- Push for Hansen's disease elimination in various countries
- Empowerment of people affected by the disease
- Publicity, awareness campaigns
- Preservation of history and legacy for the future



Visit our website for an introduction to our Hansen's disease program.

Push for Hansen's disease elimination in various countries

Assisting foreign visits of WHO Goodwill Ambassador

It is essential that each country and its Ministry of Health proactively endeavor to eliminate Hansen's disease. However, compared to HIV and tuberculosis, it is not prioritized in many countries. Mr. Yohei Sasakawa has been actively fulfilling his role as the World Health Organization's Goodwill Ambassador for the Elimination of Hansen's Disease since 2001. He makes country visits to survey the disease situation and share the results with key governmental figures to stress the importance of addressing the issue. Also, to propagate a correct understanding of the disease, he utilizes various opportunities, such as interactions with the media, to participate in awareness campaigns. To make the visits more effective, during 2018 we focused on program preparation and follow-up after the visit.

Search for new patients

Union of Comoros



Union of Comoros is a tiny island nation in the Indian Ocean with Mozambique to its west. The number of new cases of Hansen's disease there is 50 times the world average, and attention is urgently needed. The president of Comoros, Mr. Azali Assoumani, promised to Goodwill Ambassador Sasakawa that he would exert efforts to search for patients. Upon the occasion of the Goodwill Ambassador's visit, the WHO also pledged to offer new assistance for the Union of Comoros.

Among persons affected by Hansen's disease, many are unable to work because of their disabilities. This is true for the state of Andhra Pradesh in India, and the Goodwill Ambassador requested the Chief Minister of the state to give further support for them. The minister pledged to increase the maintenance allowance to compensate for social disability caused by Hansen's disease, from 1,500 rupees (about US\$21) to 4,000 rupees (about US\$55) to protect and support persons affected by Hansen's disease and their families. Hopes are high for an improvement in their quality of life.

Allowance increased from 1,500 to 4,000 rupees

India



National conference on Hansen's disease

Bangladesh



Bangladesh is a nation where nearly 4,000 new patients are diagnosed each year, and deep-rooted stigma remains. The Goodwill Ambassador met Prime Minister Hasina, Speaker of Parliament Dr. Chaudhury and other important government officials, to emphasize the importance of measures against Hansen's disease and requested their support. As a result, a national conference on Hansen's disease is planned for 2019, with the full cooperation of the government. Further progress of the Hansen's disease program is anticipated.

Educating the public through the media

Indonesia



Indonesia has the third highest number of cases of Hansen's disease in the world after India and Brazil; about 17,000 patients are found each year. The local media are the most effective tool in dispersing correct information about the disease to as many people as possible, especially TV and radio, which are widespread even in the poorer areas. During the Goodwill Ambassador's visit in October 2018, he gave a newspaper interview, appeared on state-run Televisi Republik Indonesia (TVRI), and participated in a radio phone-in program to answer listeners' questions. Through appearing in the media, he was able to reach the whole of Indonesia with his message about the importance of early detection and treatment, and the need for proper understanding of the disease.

Empowerment of persons affected by Hansen's disease

Regional assemblies held in three continents

Due to the stigma and discrimination caused by mistaken perceptions about the disease, many people throughout the world are still suffering. They are alienated from their families, neighborhood communities and society, unable to receive the support that they need. Organizations established by those who have personally experienced such pain have been supporting persons affected by Hansen's disease and their families in various countries, and have achieved results. To overcome further challenges, these organizations gathered in their respective continents of Africa, Asia and Latin America/Caribbean and held regional assemblies. The aim: to share each group's know-how and experiences, and create a new current of action. During the assemblies, organizations explained their special features and activities, and presented their successes and failures, and new ideas were discussed enthusiastically. One such idea was to strengthen local networking, and jointly conduct an awareness campaign on World Leprosy Day. In 2019, a global forum will be held, based on ideas generated at these three regional assemblies.

Restoring dignity —A world without discriminatory words—

Africa



For these organizations to maintain growth, it is necessary to collaborate and cooperate with various stakeholders, utilize social resources and strengthen the capabilities of the organization. The Asian assembly featured training sessions on different themes, such as how to boost the sustainability of the organization or what needs to be done to increase membership, and held vigorous discussions.

A person is not called a 'former patient' after recovering from a cold or other ailments, so why should such a phrase be used after overcoming Hansen's disease? At the African regional assembly, it was pointed out that expressions in local languages for persons affected by Hansen's disease have derogatory meanings, which further promote social stigma and bias. This topic will be discussed at the global forum.

Expanding ties with society

Asia



Make Brazil a role model

Latin America/Caribbean



The organization of people affected by Hansen's disease in Brazil, MORHAN, has 2,000 voluntary staff spread throughout the country. MORHAN has been taking actions proactively to eliminate the disease and its discrimination. Their activities for proliferating accurate information and giving support to all corners of the vast nation are filled with ingenuity, and inspired other organizations from neighboring countries. By observing their experiences, we hope that the other organizations will learn and grow.

Publicity/Awareness campaigns

**Calling on India's youth to take an interest in Hansen's disease
—First work camp with Indian student participants—**

More than 120,000 people are diagnosed with Hansen's disease in India every year, and stubborn stigma and discrimination remain. Wappiness is an NPO that is aiming to restore the social dignity of people affected by Hansen's disease and help them become self-reliant. Since 2011, it has organized work camps for Japanese college students at Hansen's disease colonies in India. In 2018, it carried out lectures at four universities across India to give students information regarding the work camps and also the facts about Hansen's disease. As a result, for the first time four Indian students participated in the work camp at Chakdra Hansen's disease colony in West Bengal. The students from both India and Japan took part in interviewing colony residents and held a party to overcome barriers. Through the activities, the students saw how resilient the people of colony were, in spite of the harsh conditions, and significant changes occurred in their conception of Hansen's disease. As a result of this project by Wappiness, we hope that more Indian youths will take part in such activities, and that further progress will be made to resolve India's Hansen's disease issues.

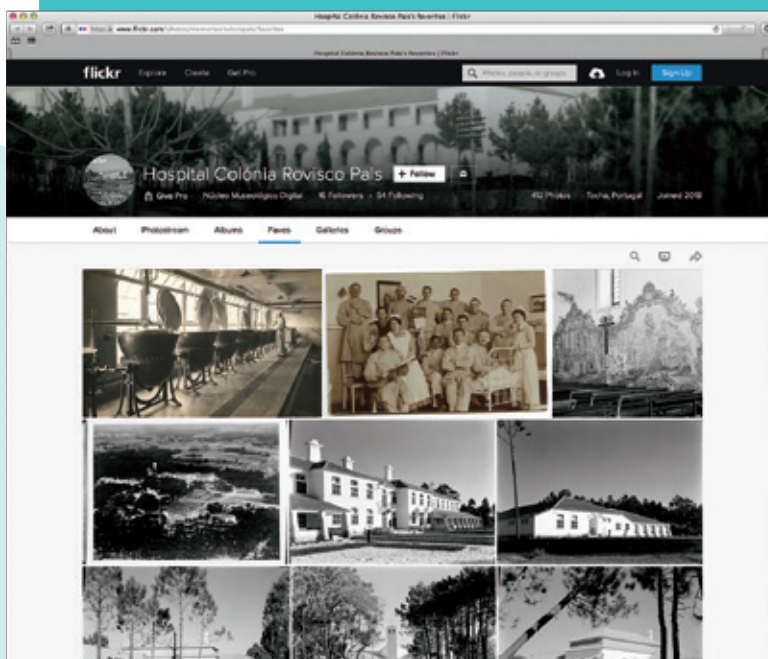


A total of 250 students from 4 universities, gained proper knowledge on Hansen's disease

Preservation of history and legacy for the future

**The Hospital-Colónia Rovisco Pais: History preservation project
—Historical materials from Portugal's Hansen's disease sanatorium—**

Database compilation of 1,831 digital images



Rovisco Pais, the only national Hansen's disease sanatorium in Portugal, has treated 3,000 in-patients from around Portugal, in addition to out-patients, since its establishment in 1947. At present only seven residents remain, whose average age is over 90. In 1996, a new role as the medical/rehabilitation center of Portugal's central region was added and much of the facilities were refurbished. In order to preserve its history and the memories of persons affected by Hansen's disease, immediate actions were necessary. In this project, over 38,000 historical files were categorized, 1,831 photos and slides were digitized and sorted into a database. We also interviewed 40 individuals—persons affected by Hansen's disease, their families and former sanatorium staff—and from their testimony, life in the sanatorium was documented. The preservation of the invaluable historical materials will allow for research and other functions in the future.



Hospice Palliative Care

**‘The Nippon Foundation Home-care Nursing Center’
—Training program for start-up and operation of home-care nursing centers**

Improving ‘Quality of Life’ of the people in the community

With the advance of the hyper-aging society, the types of demand for medical and palliative care are changing. The hospital-centered treatment that had been the norm is shifting toward a comprehensive health/medical support system that includes people’s daily lives with the community as the base. The Foundation’s Hospice/Palliative Care project focuses on promoting community health care at every stage of people’s lives, to cope with the demands of our time.

During the fiscal year 2018, our focus for the *Training program for start-up and operation of home-care nursing centers* was on nurses taking root in the community to look after the health of its people, and to step in when appropriate. We also subsidized efforts to promote better understanding of home care and hospice/palliative care, and offered research grants for pioneering/original ideas on how to consistently and systematically provide care.

Scholarships were granted in the area of human resource training for the purpose of training future leaders in fields of nursing, education, research and administration. Also, we supported networking of granted hospice doctors and hospice nurses.

Principal activities

- Subsidizing research and local awareness campaigns
- Supporting networks
- Human resource training
- ‘The Nippon Foundation Home-care Nursing Center’ — Training program for start-up and operation of home-care nursing centers



Visit our website for an introduction to our Community Health program

Subsidizing research and local awareness campaigns

Support for research and activities to build community health structures

Subsidized 33 unique and pioneering activities



Grants were given to 15 community health research projects for subjects including: promoting and improving hospice/palliative care, multi-disciplinary collaborations, and home palliative care. Also, we subsidized public health workers and ordinary citizens that made efforts to propagate hospice/palliative care, or supported daily living, recuperation, nursing care and care for the dying in the community. We subsidized 18 such activities. By widening the eligibility criteria, an increased number of clinical psychologists and physical therapists applied for the grant, in addition to nurses. By providing subsidies to people of different professions, we seek to contribute in building the community health structure that the Japanese government is promoting.

Supporting networks

Nursing seminars

Over 1,100 people attended seminars sponsored by the Foundation. They were opportunities to renew nurses' mindsets, with timely themes that fit social needs.

Seminars held during 2018

- The 22nd Annual Conference of the Japan Academy of Nursing Administration and Policies
“Speak the true value of nursing— Words that each nursing administrator can communicate”
- The Nippon Foundation Hospice Nurse Seminar (Fukuoka)
“Social innovation through power of nurses!”
- The Nippon Foundation Hospice Nurse Seminar (Tokyo)
“Home care and disasters”



A total of 1,100 nurses participated



Human resource training

Training doctors and nurses to be leaders

Granted scholarships to 14 aspirants to pursue studies/seminars

SScholarships were given to 9 nurses to pursue further studies in graduate schools, either in Japan or abroad. It is our wish that Japanese hospice/palliative care will improve, as they become the leaders of nurses in the future. Also, 5 doctors participated in seminars for hospice/palliative care in 5 separate medical institutions. We trust they will further enhance the community health structure and provide effective hospice/palliative care in hospitals and at home.

—Social innovation through power of nurses!!—

‘The Nippon Foundation Home-care Nursing Center’

—Training program for start-up and operation of home-care nursing centers

Offering the training program for start-up and operation of home-care nursing centers

‘The Nippon Foundation Home-care Nursing Center’—*Training program for start-up and operation of home-care nursing centers* is a human resource training program under the motto: “Social innovation through power of nurses.” It is a nurse-centered entrepreneurial program to prepare them to start and operate home-care nursing stations. The requirements are experience as a nurse and a strong volition to start a care center; experience in the field of home-care is not needed. Through the 8-month program, nurses learn not only about entrepreneurship and management, they are also mentally readied to take on the responsibilities of the role. The goal is to start the center within a year after the program. We have a system of ongoing support and by using this nationwide network they can develop activities that will have an impact on society. During fiscal year 2018, 17 nurses participated in the program. The 8-month course consisted of: 189 classes (90 minutes each) taught by 86 lecturers; 3 to 7 weeks on-site training; and field trips to 12 facilities.

During 8 months, 189 classes were taught by 86 lecturers



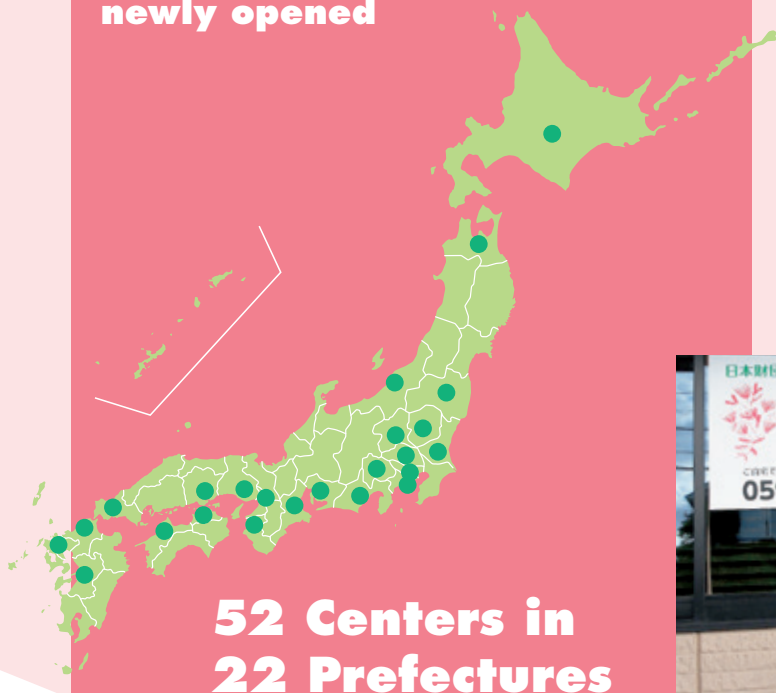
Support to start up home-care nursing centers

Fiscal year 2018 12 Centers newly opened

We are into our fifth year of the *Training program for start-up and operation of home-care nursing centers*, and this year 12 centers newly began business. The nurses who completed our program now operate 52 home-care nursing centers in 22 prefectures throughout Japan.

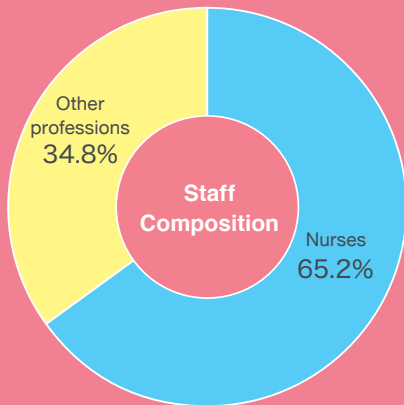
In some cases, operations are being enhanced with expansion of offices, relocation due to growing staff numbers, and establishment of satellite offices. Additionally, two nurses are moving toward operation of multifunctional long-term care in a small group home, in which home visits, out-patients and overnight stays are all possible. For the realization of “social innovation through power of nurses”, The Nippon Foundation Home-care Nursing Centers, which support communities in an ever-wider area, are networking throughout Japan.

52 Centers in 22 Prefectures



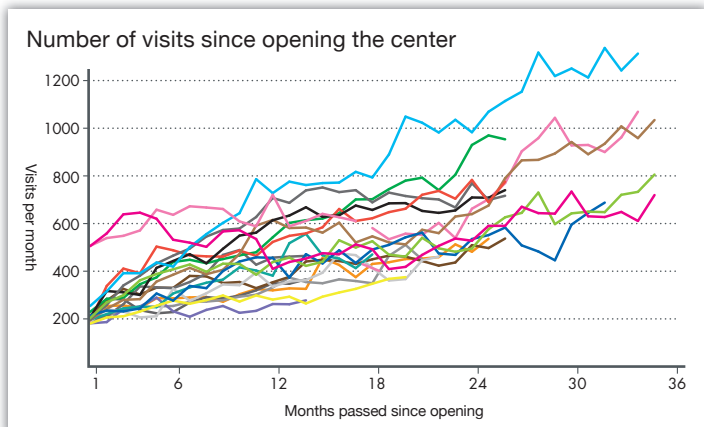
Survey on actual conditions of the Home-care Nursing Centers

Multi-disciplinary collaborations are becoming apparent



The percentage of nurses in the Home-care Nursing Centers operated by our participant nurses was 65.2%, as compared to 72.1%(*1) of the home-care nursing stations nationally. Apparently, our participant nurses collaborate more with professionals of other disciplines.

We continue to monitor the number of staff each center hires and the frequency of visits per month for each center. It is recorded that in one year, 710 home-care nursing stations have closed down or suspended operations due to lack of human resources or financial difficulties.(*2) Yet, many of our Home-care Nursing Centers consistently increased the number of visits. In the total network, we estimated around 25,000 visits per month, showing that the needs of people in local communities were being met.



(*1) Source: Number of visiting nurse stations surveyed by The National Association for Visiting Nurse Service, 2018

(*2) Source: Survey of long-term care institutions and facility offices by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, September 2015

Academic conference presentations

Presentations were made at 6 academic conferences by nurses that completed our program and the Foundation. We had the opportunity to publicize the significance and the practices of home-visit care, as well as our expectations for nursing, and the Foundation's program. Audiences consisted mainly of medical and care professionals from Japan and abroad.

[Conferences]

- The 20th General Meeting of Japan Society for Health Care Management (Hokkaido)
- Exhibition of Housing/Care/Medicine (Tokyo)
- The 5th China Japan Korea Nursing Conference (Tokyo)
- The 77th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Public Health (Fukushima)
- Visiting Nursing Summit 2018 & Intensive Seminar
- The 8th Conference of Japan Academy of Nursing for Home Care

The nurses of the program/our Foundation made presentations at 6 conferences



Study tour of home-care in Canada

A Canadian study tour was held to prepare an even better human resource training program. The country boasts one hundred years of home-care history with a gigantic service system listing thousands of staff. With nurses at the center of operations, we were able to observe multi-disciplinary collaborations at work.

Learning from Canadian nurses demonstrating leadership in a multidisciplinary setting





Activities to improve public health

Health for everyone! Experience benefits the future— Bridging human and intellectual resources for future generations

Over the years, our Foundation has built up relationships with expert organizations and professionals both within Japan and internationally, to cooperate in the areas of radiation disaster, disease control and public health. For the purpose of passing down human and intellectual resources for the future, we conduct activities for global human resource training and project support, facilitation of international understanding and communications, and for mutual sharing of knowledge. In fiscal year 2018, the WHO Sasakawa Health Prize was awarded to an organization in Costa Rica, and the FAPA Ishidate Award went to five Asian professionals in the area of pharmacology. Internationally, we dispatched a Japanese medical team to Madagascar, where the public health system is not well established, for the treatment of cleft lips and palates, and also made contributions to the Chernobyl Tissue Bank, which was set up to conduct research after the Chernobyl nuclear accident. In Japan, we held seminars in Fukushima to nurture young human resources to acquire a basic understanding of radiation disasters and knowledge on multi-disciplinary collaborations.

Principal activities

- Awarded prizes in the fields of primary health care, pharmacology in Asia
- Medical cooperative dispatch
- Chernobyl joint research
- International human resource training



Visit our website to learn about Improvement of Public Health (and other activities)

Awarded Prizes

US\$40,000 awarded to Pro Palliative Care Unit Foundation (Costa Rica)



Health for everyone! —WHO Sasakawa Health Prize—

Since its establishment in 1984, this Prize has been awarded to 56 organizations and persons that have contributed to promoting wellbeing or tackling health problems using outstanding and innovative methods.

In fiscal year 2018, Pro Palliative Care Unit Foundation won the Prize. For 25 years, it has been offering terminally ill children and their families all-inclusive palliative care, covering physical, psychological, social and emotional aspects of the illnesses. It aims to improve their QOL, and promote a peaceful environment and local cooperation. To honor their accomplishments, the prize of US\$40,000 and a trophy were awarded to them during the 71st World Health Assembly in Geneva, in May.

Medical cooperative dispatch

Activities in Africa by Japanese medical team

From September 12 to 29, a medical team from Showa University was dispatched to Madagascar to treat mainly children having cleft lips and palates. In total, 21 operations were performed. At the local hospital, a Japanese nun was also working. Since the program began 8 years ago, a total of 172 children have undergone surgery. Many were bullied and previously hid their mouths, but are now stepping forward with smiles.

Cleft lip and palate treatment of 21 children

Madagascar



Chernobyl joint research

The only databank of its kind in the world



Experience benefits the future —Chernobyl Tissue Bank

The Chernobyl Tissue Bank (CTB) is an international collaboration to establish banks of biomaterial from and information on patients who were exposed as children or adolescents to fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear accident of 1986.

From 1991 to 2001, our Foundation offered the Chernobyl medical cooperation project, and hence, in 1999 began to support the operation of CTB. A Steering Committee meeting is held once every year at Imperial College, London.

Representatives from the member countries gather for the Steering Committee meetings; after the Fukushima nuclear accident, follow-up discussions on Fukushima were also held.

I Assets		(Unit : Yen)		
	Items	A/C Public Benefit Services	A/C Entity	Total
1 . Current assets				
	Total current assets	203,686,198	69,080,539	272,766,737
2 . Fixed assets	(1)Total endowments	0	1,041,437,169	1,041,437,169
	(2)Total special assets	2,854,510,340	1,983,001,914	4,837,512,254
	(3)Total Other fixed assets	0	44,344,677	44,344,677
	Total fixed assets	2,854,510,340	3,068,783,760	5,923,294,100
	Total assets	3,058,196,538	3,137,864,299	6,196,060,837
II Liabilities				
1 . Current liabilities		58,154,688	8,366,429	66,521,117
2 . Fixed liabilities		0	36,121,134	36,121,134
	Total liabilities	58,154,688	44,487,563	102,642,251
III Net assets				
1 . Special net assets	Total special net assets	2,207,694,913	113,600,000	2,321,294,913
	(Appropriated to endowments)	0	113,600,000	113,600,000
	(Appropriated to special assets)	2,207,694,913	0	2,207,694,913
2 . General net assets	Total General net assets	792,346,937	2,979,776,736	3,772,123,673
	(Appropriated to endowments)	0	927,837,169	927,837,169
	(Appropriated to special assets)	646,815,427	1,947,458,060	2,594,273,487
	Total net assets	3,000,041,850	3,093,376,736	6,093,418,586
	Total liabilities and net assets	3,058,196,538	3,137,864,299	6,196,060,837

Statement of accounts: Net asset increase/decrease

From April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019

I General net asset increase or decrease

(Unit : Yen)

	Items	A/C Public Benefit Services	A/C Entity	Total	
1. Ordinary increase or decrease	(1) Ordinary revenue	Profit from endowment management	0	14,213,558	14,213,558
		Profit from special asset management	47,020,381	29,986,678	77,007,059
		Operating revenue	46,920,928	0	46,920,928
		Subsidies received	451,892,326	129,113,000	581,005,326
		Donations received	72,364,679	338,000	72,702,679
		Miscellaneous revenue	384,662	16,109,240	16,493,902
		Profit from special asset sales	15,000	85,000	100,000
		Total ordinary revenue	618,597,976	189,845,476	808,443,452
	(2) Ordinary expenses	Hansen's disease program	368,632,975	0	368,632,975
		Hospice/palliative care program	221,753,352	0	221,753,352
		Public health program	29,730,150	0	29,730,150
		Administration cost	0	113,674,255	113,674,255
		Total ordinary expenses	620,116,477	113,674,255	733,790,732
		Ordinary increase/decrease before adjustment of profit/loss valuation	△ 1,518,501	76,171,221	74,652,720
	Valuation profit/loss of special asset	2,861,232	7,860,092	10,721,324	
	Profit/loss from currency exchange	9,585,010	2,018,750	11,603,760	
	Total valuation profit/loss	12,446,242	9,878,842	22,325,084	
	Ordinary increase/decrease	10,927,741	86,050,063	96,977,804	
2. Nonrecurring increase or decrease	(1) Nonrecurring revenue	0	0	0	
	(2) Nonrecurring expenses	67,210,252	1,194,613	68,404,865	
	Nonrecurring increase/decrease	△ 67,210,252	△ 1,194,613	△ 68,404,865	
	Increase/decrease of general net asset	△ 56,282,511	84,855,450	28,572,939	
	Balance of general net asset at beginning of year	848,629,448	2,894,921,286	3,743,550,734	
	Balance of general net asset at end of year	792,346,937	2,979,776,736	3,772,123,673	

II Restricted net asset increase or decrease

	Subsidies received	51,200,000	0	51,200,000
	Donations received	11,095,479	0	11,095,479
	Profit from endowment management	0	1,421,356	1,421,356
	Profit from special asset management	36,410,019	0	36,410,019
	Profit from special asset sales	11,000	0	11,000
	Loss from special asset sales	810,000	0	810,000
	Valuation profit/loss of special asset	△ 1,377,532	0	△ 1,377,532
	Reclassified into general net asset	△ 177,121,765	△ 1,421,356	△ 178,543,121
	Increase/decrease of restricted net asset	△ 80,592,799	0	△ 80,592,799
	Balance of restricted net asset at beginning of year	2,288,287,712	113,600,000	2,401,887,712
	Balance of restricted net asset at end of year	2,207,694,913	113,600,000	2,321,294,913

III Balance of net asset at end of year

3,000,041,850 3,093,376,736 6,093,418,586

Chronology

- 1974** Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation established, Hansen's disease program began. Supported the first International Conference on Leprosy Control in Asia. (Tokyo/Oiso, Japan)
- 1975** On-site medical cooperation for treatment of parasitic diseases began.
- 1976** On-site medical cooperation for Hansen's disease in Thailand began. Organized International Workshop on Chemotherapy of Leprosy in Manila.
- 1977** Hansen's disease awareness-raising summer seminars began. (Tokyo) International Workshop on Chemotherapy of Leprosy in Asia held. (Manila, Philippines) Seminar on overseas parasite control for experts held. (Bangkok, Thailand)
- 1979** International cooperation on research of chemotherapy for Hansen's disease began.
- 1981** Sponsored international symposium on epidemiology of Hansen's disease. (Geilo/Bergen, Norway) Produced and distributed *An Atlas of Leprosy*.
- 1982** Kicked off research and development conference on Hansen's disease vaccine.
- 1983** Began educational assistance to people and families affected by Hansen's disease. Supported 12th International Leprosy Congress.
- 1984** WHO Sasakawa Health Prize established at 37th World Health Assembly.
- 1985** Supported the 1st International Leprosy symposium in China. (Guanzhou, China) Sasakawa Health Science Foundation began operations. Began preparations for International Symposium on Elderly Care.
- 1986** Signing ceremony for Japan-China Sasakawa Medical Fellowship held. Supported international symposium on epidemiology of Hansen's disease. (Oslo, Norway) Established fund for international cooperation on HIV/AIDS research. Presentation of FAPA Ishidate Award began.
- 1987** First recipients of Japan-China Sasakawa Medical Fellowship arrived from China.
- 1989** Sasakawa Research Building was established. (Nonthaburi, Thailand)
- 1990** Medical research cooperation team for Chernobyl nuclear accident dispatched.
- 1991** Chernobyl Sasakawa Health and Medical Cooperation Project began. International conference for the administration of MDT held. (Bangkok, Thailand) International medical cooperation fund established to commemorate 40th anniversary of professional motorboat racing law.
- 1992** Special researcher program established for Japan-China Sasakawa Medical Fellowship; 10 exceptional researchers received additional grants for further studies in Japan.
- 1994** International Conference on the Elimination of Leprosy as a Public Health Problem held. (Hanoi, Vietnam)
- 1995** Sasakawa Field Work Fellowship began.
- 1996** Signing ceremony for second Japan-China Sasakawa Medical Fellowship agreement held.
- 1997** Ceremony for 10th anniversary of Japan-China Sasakawa Medical Fellowship held. (Great Hall of the People, Beijing, China)
- 1998** Supported WHO conference on parasitic disease program in Western Pacific. (Manila, Philippines) Hospice/palliative care programs began. Began to subsidize study-abroad programs for hospice/palliative care staff. Began to subsidize training and research programs for hospice/palliative care nurses.
- 1999** Hospice/palliative care "Memento Mori" awareness seminars began. Subsidies for hospice/palliative care, home-care programs began. Support for international cooperation project for Chernobyl (CTB) began.
- 2000** Programs to fight Buruli ulcer (NTD) began.
- 2001** First meeting of WHO Global Alliance for the Elimination of Leprosy held. (New Delhi, India) Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, then-president of The Nippon Foundation, appointed as WHO Special Ambassador (later WHO Goodwill Ambassador) for Leprosy Elimination. Operation of Peace Dormitory for nurses began. (Kiyose, Tokyo) Began to subsidize training and research programs for hospice/palliative care doctors.
- 2002** Committee for the boat race charity fund established. Tokyo conference on elimination of Hansen's disease in India held. (Tokyo) Dr. Yo Yuasa, Executive and Medical Director of Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation, received the Damien-Dutton Award.
- 2003** Publication of WHO Goodwill Ambassador's Newsletter (6 times/year) began. Started Hansen's disease and human rights projects.
- 2004** Support for preservation of historical items in the Philippines, India, China and Brazil began. Began to subsidize research programs to promote hospice/palliative care
- 2005** Indian network of people affected by Hansen's disease, the National Forum, began operations. Keiko Kimiwada Memorial Fund established.
- 2006** First Global Appeal to Eliminate Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy launched. (New Delhi, India) Support for Culion Museum to commemorate the centenary of the founding of a leprosy colony on Culion Island. (Philippines) Mr. Yohei Sasakawa of The Nippon Foundation appointed Japanese Government Goodwill Ambassador for the Human Rights of Persons Affected by Hansen's Disease. Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation established. Celebration of 20th anniversary of Japan-China Sasakawa Medical Fellowship and signing ceremony for third Japan-China Sasakawa Medical Fellowship agreement held. (Great Hall of the People, Beijing, China)
- 2007** The Nippon Foundation and Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation awarded Damien-Dutton Award. To promote hospice/palliative care, project to lend DVDs created by SMHF began.
- 2008** Support for hospice/palliative care networking began. Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation and Sasakawa Health Science Foundation merged.
- 2010** Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation shifted to become a public utility foundation. First International Expert Symposium in Fukushima on Radiation and Health held. (Fukushima)
- 2011** Medical cooperative dispatch to Madagascar began. International Symposium on Hansen's disease/Leprosy as Heritage of Humanity held. (Tokyo)
- 2012** The Nippon Foundation Home-care Nursing Center – Training program for start-up and operation of home-care nursing centers began. Radiation Medical Disaster Summer Seminars began. (Fukushima) Study Tour to the Philippines by Japan Hansen's Disease Sanatorium Medical Practitioners began.
- 2014** Office of Joint Program on Hansen's Disease established by The Nippon Foundation and Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation. WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination and Chairman of The Nippon Foundation, Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, received 2018 Gandhi Peace Prize.
- 2018** Foundation's name changed to Sasakawa Health Foundation.
- 2019**

The entries in green were activities of Sasakawa Health Science Foundation before the merger

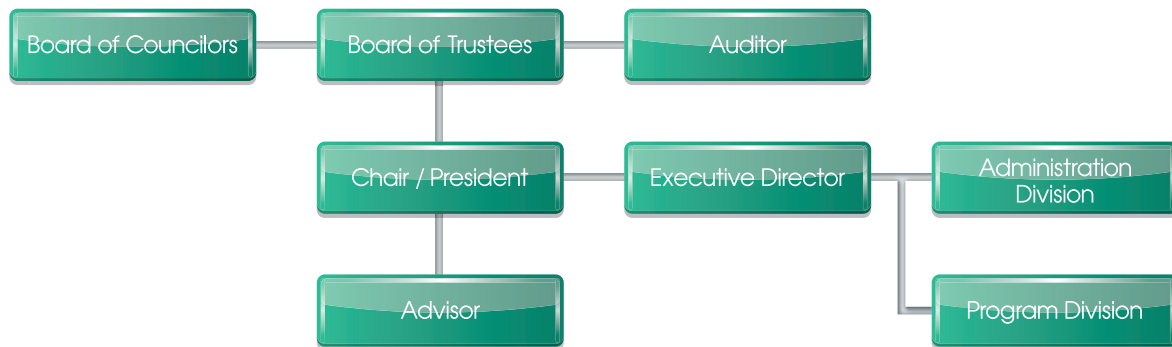
Profile

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Objectives as stipulated in the Articles of Incorporation:

This foundation will seek world peace and the welfare of mankind, in accordance with the principle: 'The world is one family. All mankind are brothers and sisters.' We aspire to extend healthy life expectancies, and to resolve health issues, physical as well as social, mental and spiritual. People affected by Hansen's disease have undergone the most severe anguish in the world and we wish to serve them as well as contribute to better health and dignity for everyone.

Organization chart



as of July 2019

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Chair	Etsuko Kita	Honorary president, Japanese Red Cross Kyushu International College of Nursing
President	Hideo Sato	
Executive Director	Takahiro Nanri	
Trustee	Norihisa Ishii	Chief, National Sanatorium Tama Zenshoen
Trustee	Hiroyoshi Endo	Dean, Graduate School of Public Health, St.Luke's International University
Trustee	Tatsuko Matsushima	Center Chief, Peace House Hospice Educational Research Center, Life Planning Center Foundation
Auditor	Koji Suzuki	Director, Museum of Maritime Science
Auditor	Toshiaki Manome	Representative, MGA Professionals
Councilor	Yasuko Ishigaki	Honorary Professor, Hokkaido Medical University
Councilor	Takeju Ogata	President, The Nippon Foundation
Councilor	Kayoko Shimizu	President, Japan Visiting Nursing Foundation
Councilor	Tomoko Takaki	Editorial Writer, The Asahi Shimbun
Councilor	Eiji Nagao	Honorary Chief, National Sanatorium Oshima Seishoen
Councilor	Tsuguya Fukui	President, St. Luke'S International University/ President, St. Luke's International Hospital
Councilor	Shunichi Yamashita	Executive Advisor to the President/Vice President, Fukushima Medical University
Senior Advisor	Kenzo Kiiuni	Honorary professor, Tsukuba University
Advisor	Genji Matsumoto	
Advisor	Miyoji Morimoto	President, IDEA Japan

April 1, 2018 "Office of Joint Program on Hansen's Disease" was established by The Nippon Foundation and Sasakawa Health Foundation

July 1, 2018

The office was renovated

42 Blog posts
Chair's blog: "Eyes of a Cat"



'If I didn't become a doctor, I might have been an artist or a writer' says our Chair, Dr. Kita. In her unique way, she wrote on a variety of subjects—projects, must-read books, topical issues and even private matters.



63 People
Number of Japanese medical professionals receiving grants during fiscal year 2018

We eagerly await their reports, and wish everyone success in their specialty



32 Projects in **17** Countries Number of Hansen's disease elimination projects subsidized during fiscal year 2018

We supported not only projects to combat the disease, but also to preserve memories and historical materials of people who survived with strength



262 Donations **11,433,479** yen The number of donations offered to the Foundation

We will solemnly utilize the monies given to us for better health and dignity of people
Thanking you, from the bottom of our hearts



March 13, 2019 **The 15th Healthy Society Awards Presentation ceremony**

Chair Kita received the award in the Educators category. The awards are given to people that contributed to the betterment of healthy society, community and quality of life of citizens.

April 1, 2019 **Change of name From Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation to Sasakawa Health Foundation**



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